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SUBJECT:PLANNED VISIT TO AUSTRALIA OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY
(HOUSING), HUD, LAWRENCE B. SIMONS

REFS: (A) CANBERRA 6266, (B) CANBERRA 04446, (C)
STATE 137462 (NOTAL), (D) CANBERRA 04059

1. MR. AND MRS. SIMONS HAVE TICKETS INDICATING DEPARTURE
HONOLULU 0015 AUGUST 16, PAA FLIGHT 811. SCHEDULE
SHOWS THIS FLIGHT ARRIVES SYDNEY 0820 PLUS 1, INDICATING
AUGUST 17 ARRIVAL. REFERENCE TO AUGUST 16 ARRIVAL
FOR MRS. SIMONS CANNOT BE EXPLAINED. THIS WAS NEVER
I' THE SCHEDULE.

2. TICKETING WITHIN AUSTRALIA WAS BASED ON JULY
6 LETTER TO MR. SIMONS FROM LANSDOWN, OF EHCD. ITINERARY
ATTACHED TO THAT LETTER SHOWS AUGUST 17 ARRIVAL IN
SYDNEY WITH ACCOMMODATIONS AT WENTWORTH HOTEL; TRAVEL
SYDNEY TO COOLANGATTA AUGUST 18 ON ANSETT 98, WITH
ACCOMMODATIONS ILUKA HOTEL; TRAVEL COOLANGATTA TO
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CANBERRA AUGUST 20 ON ANSETT 23/362, WITH ACCOMMODATIONS
AT LAKESIDE HOTEL; TRAVEL CANBERRA TO SYDNEY AUGUST
22, ON ANSETT 370, WIT; ACCOMMODATIONS AT WENTWORTH
HOTEL; DEPARTURE FROM SYDNEY AUGUST 24 ON UTA 562.
IN SCHEDULING TRAVEL, PAN AM COULD NOT IDENTIFY ANSETT
FLIGHT 23/362; SO TICKETS FOR THE LEG FROM COOLANGATTA
TO CANBERRA ON AUGUST 20 WERE ISSUED 'OPEN', ASSUMING

SCHEDULE COULD BE ADJUSTED AFTER ARRIVAL, IF NECESSARY.

3. MRS. SIMONS WILL ACCOMPANY MR. SIMONS DURING THE ENTIRE TRIP, AND ACCOMMODATIONS ARRANGED BY EHCD ARE APPROPRIATE. IF ACTUAL SCHEDULE DIFFERS FROM THAT DESCRIBED ABOVE, MR. AND MRS. SIMONS WILL ADJUST TO ACCOMMODATE EHCD. THEY HAVE NO SPECIFIC PLANS, OTHER THAN TO FOLLOW EHCD'S SUGGESTIONS. MRS. SIMONS WILL BE IN SYDNEY, BUT WILL PROBABLY CHOOSE NOT TO ATTEND WORKING SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF SHE CAN BE INCLUDED AT CONFERENCE DINNER.

4. MR. SIMONS RESPONDED TO EHCD LETTER OF JULY 6 ON JULY 14. SINCE HIS LETTER HAS APPARENTLY NOT BEEN DELIVERED, REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING TEXT TO EHCD:

'DEAR MR. LANSDOWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL LETTER OF JULY 6, 1978, IN WHICH YOU OUTLINED THE PROGRAM OF MY VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND PROVIDED SO MUCH INTERESTING AND HELPFUL INFORMATION TO ASSIST US IN MAKING OUR PREPARATIONS. MRS. SIMONS AND I ARE BOTH VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

MRS. SIMONS' INTERESTS LIE IN THE REALM OF FINE ARTS.
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MUSEUMS, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, ART, AND ESPECIALLY THE TEACHING OF ART TO YOUNG CHILDREN ARE AMONG THE THINGS SHE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SEE DURING OUR VISIT. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ARRANGE A PROGRAM INCLUDING ACTIVITIES OF THIS SORT WITHOUT TOO MUCH DIFFICULTY, SHE WOULD FIND IT ESPECIALLY HELPFUL AND BOTH OF US WOULD BE DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE.

AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND CONCERN. WE LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO SEEING YOU NEXT MONTH. SINCERELY,
LAWRENCE B. SIMONS, VANCE

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